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TO: Council Members

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SUBJECT: Council Television Program

The Council on Foreign Relations, in association with WNET, Channel 13, will air a half-hour, prime time debate entitled "Focus", which will originate from the Harold Pratt House and be available to the entire PBS network of more than 200 stations.

The subject of this timely half-hour debate is the Middle East Peace Process. Margaret Osmer, Director of Programs at the Council, will moderate. The guest debaters will be Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, former National Security Advisor and Jean Francois-Poncet, former Foreign Minister of France. The guest questioners will be Christine Ockrent, French Television Journalist, and Anchor of Antennae 2, and Norman Podhoretz, Editor-in-Chief of Commentary Magazine.

Members in New York can view the program on Thursday, June 17 at 10:30 p.m., or Sunday, June 20 at 1:00 p.m. on Channel 13. In Boston, the program will air on WGBH on Sunday, June 20 at 1:30 p.m. In Washington, the program will air on Tuesday, June 22 at 10:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 26 at 10:30 a.m. For those of you in other cities, please check with your local public television station for the time and date.

While this program stands on its own merits, it will also serve as a pilot to evaluate The Council on Foreign Relations/Public Broadcasting Service relationship and the "Focus" format as a potential future series. The pilot has been made possible by a gift from the Xerox Corporation.

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